



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

March 29th, 2022

The Honorable Billy Nolen  
Acting Administrator  
Federal Aviation Administration  
800 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington, DC 20591

Dear Acting Administrator Nolen:

We write to you requesting the Federal Aviation Administration consider prioritizing funding for replacement of the Central Florida Terminal Radar Approach Control (TRACON) facility (F11) located at Orlando International Airport (MCO).

The Central Florida TRACON was built in 1983 and has become an outdated facility. It is tasked with controlling an airspace that includes the 7<sup>th</sup> busiest airport in the country. MCO has opened two additional airside and will open a state-of-the-art terminal in 2022 to accommodate its record 50 million passengers per year before the pandemic. Additionally, F11 includes Kissimmee Gateway Airport (ISM), Orlando Sanford International Airport (SFB), and six other airports as well as NASA's Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station, which continue to set records for the number and frequency of launches.

We recently toured F11 and promoted funding in President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. We were alarmed by the conditions FAA personnel, including professional controllers and Airway Transportation System specialists, are required to endure while ensuring the safety of the traveling public. A single emergency or catastrophic incident would be devastating to the passengers, crew, controllers, safety specialists, and their families. At an estimated \$60 million dollars, it is critical for the FAA to replace one of the country's busiest TRACON facilities.

We urge you to consider prioritizing immediate funding to replace the F11 TRACON facility. Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this matter, consistent with applicable agency guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Darren Soto  
Member of Congress

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Member of Congress

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Member of Congress